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referenced application or any related application. Rather, these references are being presented for the Examiner's consideration without prejudice to the right to demonstrate that any of these references do not qualify as prior art should the Examiner choose to apply any of these references.

The following information is listed below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Any explanation of non-English language documents contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed reference as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the listed reference, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). For example, the DE 4230706 A1 reference relates generally to a pull-out guide for a slide-in piece in furniture.

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- Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449 Information Disclosure Statement together with any required copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.
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